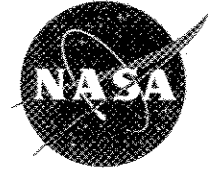


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Subject: Blanket Determination Regarding Attendance at the Airspace Complexity Toolkit Project Reception on Friday, October 1, 2010, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the National Institute of Aerospace in Hampton, Virginia

The National Institute of Aerospace (NIA) and NextGen AeroSciences, LLC, (NextGen) are sponsoring a reception to celebrate the successes of the Airspace Complexity Toolkit Project. The purpose of the event is to allow government, academia, and industry representatives involved in the aerospace community and the project to interact, discuss aerospace and technology interests, and celebrate the successes and contributions of the Airspace Complexity Toolkit Project, including NASA Langley Research Center's (LaRC) and Ames Research Center's roles in the project. I have determined it to be in the best interest of the government for those invited NASA employees to attend this event in their official capacities and as representatives of NASA.

The reception will be a gathering of federal government, academia, and aerospace industry representatives with a diversity of interests in aerospace research and technology and in airspace complexity research. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served. The estimated value of an invitation to the reception is \$40.00 and approximately 60 people have been invited. In accordance with 5 C.F.R. §2635.204(g), and 14 C.F.R. §1207.103, I find that the event meets the definition of a "widely attended gathering."

I further find that there is an Agency interest in having NASA employees attend the reception because they will have the opportunity to further Agency programs and operations through celebrating the Airspace Complexity Toolkit Project successes and engaging in the exchange of views and information between public officials, academia, and aerospace and technology business leaders who have an interest in NASA's aerospace mission.

Accordingly, NASA employees whose duties do not substantially affect the NIA or NextGen, or a majority or all of its members, may accept an invitation for free attendance at the reception. They may also accept invitations for accompanying spouses or guests.

NASA employees in non-career positions for which the Executive Order 13490 requires signing an ethics pledge may only attend if they reimburse the event sponsors the cost of the reception for themselves and accompanying guests. Additionally, NASA employees whose

duties may substantially affect the NIA or NextGen, for instance by way of procurement responsibilities or through making decisions to partner with NIA or NextGen on projects should seek an individual determination from their ethics counselor, pursuant to 5 C.F.R. § 2635.205(g)(3)(i), regarding participation in this event.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawn T. Gallagher", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Shawn T. Gallagher
Deputy DAEO